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15 November 1956

Coordination of Geography Division Paper on Collectivization of Chinese Agriculture

1. You will recall that on 26 August [redacted] and I delivered to you, for comment and coordination, the draft of a paper that had been prepared by [redacted] on the subject of Socio-Geographic Factors in the Collectivization of Agriculture in Communist China. This action was taken in compliance with specific instructions of the AD/ER that the results of our research on this problem be coordinated with D/A/T in order to obtain a consistent approach between your efforts and our efforts on the subject. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

2. Subsequently, on 16 October we arranged to visit your office to discuss the paper in question. During the conference it became apparent that A/T and OO/T held some differing opinions concerning the role of collectivization in Chinese Communist plans. At your suggestion, we agreed to await completion of [redacted] draft embodying the ERA views on the subject, in order to have a more concrete basis for coordinating the A/T and OO/T positions. It was understood that this would probably require about one additional week. 25X1A9a

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3. Subsequent inquiries to [redacted] as recently as the first week in November, disclosed that he had not yet examined the draft of the OO/T paper. In view of the fact that it has now been more than ten weeks since [redacted] draft was left with you, we feel that the paper, which originally had some time value because of the relative recency of the figures on achievement of collectivization, is now almost too stale for publication without thorough revision. We are anxious to avoid any further delays, make essential changes, and issue the paper as soon as feasible. 25X1A9a

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4. It would be appreciated if the draft of [redacted] paper could be returned to us as soon as possible, together with any specific comments A/T may wish to submit for purposes of coordination.

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3. If we have not heard from you by 23 November we shall assume that it has your concurrence and we shall proceed with publication.

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